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Moscow Press Censorship

London, March 9.
Messages reaching London and New York indicate that foreign correspondents in Moscow are concerned at the new censorship arrangement under which they are no longer able to see their dispatches after they have been censored.

They do not know what has been cut or changed or when dispatches are released for transmission and have no opportunity to object to the changes or to withdraw their messages if they consider their meaning has been altered by censorship action.

This follows the Soviet decision that correspondents' copies as from March 1 must be handed in direct to the Central Telegraph Office, where they will be censored and stamped by the Soviet Foreign Office before departure.

Reuter.

Washington Awaits Soviet Reply

WASHINGTON, MAR. 9.
OFFICIAL WASHINGTON ANXIOUSLY AWAITED TO-DAY A RUSSIAN REPLY TO THE UNITED STATES APPEAL FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM IRAN.

Some officials believe the reply may go far toward determining whether American-Russian relations improve or continue to grow more strained.

Nikolai Novikov, Charge d'Affaires of the Russian Embassy, made his first diplomatic call in months on Secretary of State Byrnes. Officials said later he did not discuss either of the two United States notes to Moscow—one regarding Iran and the other regarding Manchuria.

Optimists expressed the hope that these developments are straws in the wind, indicating better relations.

Russia's decision to send a delegation to the International Monetary conference, announced that the United States, Russia and Britain had agreed on a plan for dividing Germany's remaining merchant ships while permitting the Reich to keep 200,000 gross tons of shipping.

The three countries are to divide equally ships totalling 1,180,000 gross tons. The United States and Britain agreed to provide from their shares "the approximate amounts" for other Allied nations which suffered wartime merchant marine losses, while Russia will take care of Polish claims.

Associated Press.

MOSCOW ON BULGARIA
London, March 9.
Moscow Radio said yesterday the Soviet Government had formally charged the United States with "violation of the Moscow decision" for representation of opposition parties in the Bulgarian Government.

The broadcast said Charge d'Affaires Novikov handed the United States Department a note on March 7 alleging that a message Washington sent to Bulgaria on Feb. 22 urged Bulgarian opposition leaders to seek "disruption of the Moscow agreement by which Russia, Britain and the United States agreed to seek broader representation in the governments of the Balkan states."

"The fact should also be mentioned that the above mentioned statement of the government of the United States was made unilaterally and without any attempt at prior agreement on this step with other interested parties that participated in the taking of the decision on Bulgaria."

The broadcast quoted the note as adding that Maynard Barnes, United States political representative in Bulgaria, was "systematically inciting Bulgarian oppositionists to act."

Associated Press.

PAY ANOMALIES REMOVED

London, March 9.
An Admiralty decision, it is now announced, has removed the anomaly in the new rates of pay under which a rating could have drawn less than he does at present.

It has been announced that where an old rate of pay exceeded the new excess it would be reduced to the new scale in half-yearly instalments. It has now been decided that a rating whose present pay is higher than the new scale will keep the higher rate until by increments or otherwise, he reaches it under the new scale.

Admiral Sir Geoffrey Leighton, Commander-in-Chief of Portsmouth, in a general order described the decision as a "considerable concession."

GRIM FIGURES

Traffic Accident Toll In Hong Kong

"Folly, Ignorance And Stupidity"

THIRTY-ONE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED, 112 SERIOUSLY INJURED AND 49 SLIGHTLY HURT IN HONG KONG STREET ACCIDENTS SINCE LAST NOVEMBER.

THESE ARE GRIM FIGURES, SHOWING IN AN EMPHATIC AND UNCOMPROMISING MANNER THE NECESSITY FOR MORE INTELLIGENT BEHAVIOUR ON THE HIGHWAYS BOTH BY PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS.

Rice Ration Applications

IN CONNECTION WITH APPLICATIONS FOR RICE RATION CARDS OR FOR ADDITIONS TO EXISTING CARDS UNDER THE NEW SCHEME ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY, AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT YESTERDAY:

Applications should be sent to the Rice Controller's Office, Mercantile Bank Building, 2nd floor, accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope of the applicant.

Applicants who have employment under the Administration or in an essential service should have their application endorsed by the Head of the Department, certifying the employment of the applicants.

Where the application is based on the ground that the applicant had been resident in the Colony for at least seven years before the Pacific war, the application must be accompanied by some certificate or other document proving such residence.

Where the application is based on the ground that it is an exceptional case, full facts should be stated to show why it is an exceptional case.

The Rice Controller can accept only written applications.

People in the streets of Hong Kong and Kowloon are daily being killed and maimed largely as a result of folly, ignorance and stupidity.

Here are the facts to prove it:

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS				
Nov. & Dec. 1945—Jan. & Feb. 1946.				
Type of Vehicle Involved	Death	Serious Injury	Slight Injury	Total
MOTOR TRUCK				
LORRIES	8	17	0	25
MOTOR BUSES	1	3	0	4
MOTOR CARS				
Service	2	11	0	13
Civilian	1	12	0	13
JEEPS				
Service	4	10	7	21
Civilian	4	17	9	30
MOTOR CYCLES				
Service	4	17	9	30
Civilian	4	17	9	30
UNKNOWN				
Service	8	7	5	20
Civilian	4	4	3	11
TOTAL				
Service	22	71	33	126
Civilian	9	40	16	65
	31	111	49	191

Of the street accidents reported to the Police during the past four months, 43 per cent. have been caused by pedestrians jay-walking across the road; 38 per cent. are attributed to careless driving; 15 per cent. as a result of passengers alighting from moving vehicles. In 16 cases excessive speed caused the accident.

The loss of lives and broken limbs which have resulted from street accidents here since the re-occupation could be reduced to infinitesimal figures if the ordinary rules of the road were to be observed by pedestrians and drivers alike.

WIDESPREAD CAMPAIGN
In this week's campaign, which aims to make both pedestrians and drivers more road conscious, the Administration is exploring as many avenues as possible.

The newspapers will play their part and in addition all cinemas in the Colony will display special slides before all performances. Seventeen Government and Grant-in-aid schools will be visited and talks given to all the children on the principles of road safety.

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firm reports at other harbours.
One of the Liverpool fires destroyed the 17,000-ton German vessel "Strength through Joy" which was en route to-day. Other ships damaged included the Swedish liner "Drottningholm" and the S.S. "Sunduk," Tudor Star" and the motorship "Ayrshire Coast." Associated Press.

"COINCIDENCE"
Southampton, Mar. 9.
Marine Underwriters have so far refused to be stampeded by the rumours of arson and sabotage, a spokesman of a leading underwriting firm stated to-day.

There is no question at the moment of an increase in underwriting charges for either cargo or hull as a result of the recent outbreaks at ports up and down the country. At the moment we regard the recent underwriting charges as the result of a coincidence, a spokesman of the firm said.

WHY THE "E-SANG" WAS DELAYED

British and American naval patrols, a Chinese Army patrol and a strong squad of the Shanghai police had to be turned out to enable the Indo-China S.N. Co.'s s.s. "E-sang" to clear for Hong Kong on March 5th, passengers told the "China Mail" shortly after the ship arrived here yesterday.

The ship's original departure date was to have been February 28th, but this was postponed to March 1st. Passengers who had purchased tickets from the Company's Office found, when they attempted to go on board on March 1st, however, that there were already 400 people on deck who had gone on board to buy their tickets from the company's Office before.

The latter refused to get off the ship, whereupon passengers ashore who had bought tickets rushed the gangways and poured on board, seriously overcrowding her. For the next two days, the police endeavoured to clear the ship, being considerably hampered by a truculent party made up of 31 armed Chinese soldiers and 20 men of the company's staff who had been engaged as cooks in Shanghai.

This came to a head on the afternoon of March 3rd when a policeman, attacked by a Chinese soldier, fired a warning shot and then hit him over the head with the butt of his revolver. The police thereupon called for reinforcements, and within an hour a squad of 30 armed Chinese soldiers, an American naval patrol of 25 men and, a little later, a British naval patrol arrived and succeeded in clearing the ship of its excess would-be passengers.

Among the passengers with tickets, however, were 12 of the original party of 31 Chinese soldiers, and passengers told the "China Mail" that the sailing of the ship had to be delayed till March 5th, when they were removed by a Chinese Army launch.

Soviet Inactivity On Bornholm

(By Alfred Anderson).

BORNHOLM, MAR. 9.
WHILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE DEVELOPING BETWEEN THE DANISH AND THE SOVIET GOVERNMENTS OVER THE WITHDRAWAL OF RUSSIAN TROOPS FROM BORNHOLM, THE STRANGEST OF OCCUPATIONS IS BEING ENACTED BY THE RED ARMY ON THIS MALTA OF THE BALTIC SEA.

There is no sign that the Russian soldiers are preparing to leave. Neither is there any sign that they are fortifying the island which could be turned into a strategic fortress island halfway between Sweden and the Soviet-occupied German coast.

For several days I have been inspecting the Bornholm coastline and I have found not a single fortified area, no Russian gun emplacements and not even gun on the coast.

What I found were numerous military camps with their picturesque entrances, pictures of Lenin and Stalin, red stars and signboards.

PRIMITIVE AIRFIELD
The only airfield I found was a primitive landing strip across the fields of one of the island's largest farms. I was told that the Russians built this landing strip because Bornholm's ordinary aerodrome was too small for big planes.

British Note To Moscow

London, Mar. 9.
The British Government has sent a note to the Soviet Government on the subject of Soviet actions in Manchuria, according to well informed diplomatic quarters.

The note is said to be similar in content to the United States Government note on the same subject and to request further information about the Soviet intentions in Manchuria. It refers also to the removal of industrial equipment by the Red Army.

A Foreign Office spokesman this morning said that he could neither confirm nor deny that such a note has been sent.

Reuter.

R.A.F. Releases In April And May

LONDON, MAR. 9.
IN THE PROGRAMME OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE FOR APRIL AND MAY, THE GENERAL LEVEL OF RELEASE FOR AIRMEN ON GROUND DUTIES IS RAISED TO GROUP 35. A NUMBER OF GROUND TRADES, AIRMEN IN GROUPS UP TO AND INCLUDING GROUP 36 WILL HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY THE END OF MAY.

In some trades, releases will not have reached group 35 but with the exception of accounting trades, whose position is under consideration, and meteorologists with group 29, all trades will have reached the group 30 mark.

In the advance notification for releases for March and April, the release of airmen accounting clerks in groups 25 to 29 inclusive and airmen accounting clerks in groups 34 to 35 inclusive, was promulgated.

Releases to the end of May for these trades are under consideration and further group numbers will be announced shortly.

W.A.A.F. RELEASES

The general level for release of airmen is raised to group 45. Some trades will reach group 46 but few will not reach the general level of group 45. With the exception of a small number of meteorological air observers, officer air crew will be released up to and including group 36 and airmen air crew up to and including group 38.

The general level of release for ground officers is group 33 and for W.A.A.F. officers group 44. Some unavoidable variations remain in groups to be released among the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F. officers in employment in which it has not yet been possible to make good the current shortages by retaining personnel from other branches.

It may be necessary to delay the release of certain individuals under "military necessity," but the authority of the Air Ministry will be required in each case.

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GOERING PUTS ON A SHOW

Antics Of No. 1 Nazi At Trial

T.V. Soong On China Economics

Chungking, March 9. Economic stability in China, grass with the enforcement of the new foreign trade regulations, Premier T. V. Soong told the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee in a report on the political and economic conditions since he became Prime Minister of China. The report evoked little comment since most of the delegates are convinced that Soong's pronouncement is due when the government reorganization is completed.

Soong predicted that the first concrete results of the new trade regulations will become clear in two months, that great achievements will be noted in four months and that China will find herself on the economic foundation by the end of 1946.

He said the government had taken five measures to get the country back to pre-war stride: increased taxation, re-opening of foreign trade, expanded production, resumed communications, and the taking over of operation of Japanese factories.

Soong said economic conditions near the end of the war were bad, with troops underfed and famine prevalent. He said he took much of the blame for resorting to printing press money to cope with the economic crisis.—Associated Press.

All Not Well In German Politics

BERLIN, MAR. 9. TWELVE COMMUNISTS WERE ARRESTED YESTERDAY ON CHARGES THAT THEY INTERFERED WITH AND INTIMIDATED GERMAN CIVIL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN THE AMERICAN ZONE OF BERLIN IN PROMOTING A PROPOSED MERGER OF COMMUNIST AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.

GENERAL RAY BARKER, COMMANDER OF THE BERLIN AMERICAN ZONE, SAID THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOUND THE COMMUNISTS "ATTEMPTING TO PUT PRESSURE ON CIVIL OFFICIALS."

Still Only A Slogan

Chungking, March 9. The principle of equality of the sexes is still a mere slogan, Madame Chiang Kai-shek declared in a speech commemorating international "women's day."

Real equality can only be won, she said, by continued and more determined exertion of women of all countries. She said Chinese women could serve China and womanhood by improving the national health and eliminating illiteracy.

She urged an eight-hour work day for women and children in factories and mines, and suggested that each educated Chinese woman make it her responsibility to teach several women in her neighborhood.

Seven thousand women attending the meeting issued a statement expressing hope Russia would respect the Sino-Soviet treaty of last August. The women, mostly students, endorsed the recent agreement for creating a national army and expressed hope of early fulfillment.—Associated Press.

MACA. REQUEST

Tokyo, March 9. Debarkation at Rabaul or some port nearer Sydney of all women and children and male heads of families who boarded the "hell ship" destroyer "Yosukuni" at Sydney was yesterday requested from the Australian authorities by General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander of the occupation forces in Japan.

General MacArthur asked that a Japanese hospital ship return the debarkees to Japan.

The General termed as "completely erroneous" a suggestion that the Japanese authorities were responsible for the crowding of 200 women and children on the "Yosukuni."—Associated Press.

Defense Counsel Opens Case

THE ONCE FAT AND GAUDY REICH MARSHAL HERMANN GOERING PUT HIMSELF ON EXHIBITION YESTERDAY FOR THE BENEFIT OF NEWS PHOTOGRAPHERS IN THE ALMOST EMPTY COURTROOM HERE AND AFTER POSING GRANDLY FOR TEN MINUTES PRETENDED TO HAVE BEEN BORED BY IT ALL.

HE SHELLED HIS CHEST, PULLED IN HIS DEPLETED PUNCH, GLENCHED HIS FIST ON HIS LEFT HIP AND GLOVERED INTO SPACE ON THE FITNESS STAND WHILE THE CAMERAMEN TOOK PICTURE AFTER PICTURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE NO. 1 NAZI'S DEFENSE.

When it was all over he replaced his wrinkled red polka and rolled his eyes to the ceiling in simulated boredom. Then he returned to the prisoners' dock where Arthur Seyss-Inquart and Alfred Jodl had been chuckling at his exhibitionist performance.

Goering's counsel opened his legal fight before the International Military Tribunal for the life of the former No. 2 Nazi with testimony that Goering had argued for peace from the Munich crisis to the eve of the Soviet invasion. He said that Goering also argued against the attack on Russia on the grounds that it violated that "Mein Kampf" principles against a two front war.

Counsel told of a meeting between Goering and "six or eight Englishmen in the English govern-

ment" near the Danish border in August 1939. He said Goering favoured the survival of the British Empire and pleaded his influence to keep peace and asked the English to do the same in London.

QUESTIONS TO NIMITZ. Former Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz was granted the right to submit a written interrogatory to United States Admiral Chester Nimitz to prove in his defense before the War Crimes Tribunal that Germany had followed the accepted practice in sinking merchant ships without warning.

Doenitz seeks to show that the American interpretation of the 1939 London Naval Treaty which embodied "laws and customs of naval warfare" led to the unrestricted use of United States submarines against Japanese shipping in the Pacific, and also to the practice of abandoning merchant crews when rescue operations might have endangered the war craft.

The Tribunal also granted Doenitz the right to use the British Admiralty confidential instructions to merchant vessels to show that British cargo ships were really warships operating under military control with trained crews.

EVIDENCE UNSHAKEN. The Luftwaffe chief Field Marshal Milch obviously disapproved the defense when he took the witness stand presumably to show that Goering had not concurred with Hitler's lynch law treatment of allied airmen. Milch merely denied all knowledge of the mistreatment of allied airmen.

Another Goering witness, the Luftwaffe General Bodenschatz, told the court that Hitler began to lose faith in his Luftwaffe chief after the British bombings of Cologne in 1943. At another point he said he believed Hitler wanted Poland to refuse his demands over Danzig in 1939 so that he could have an excuse for aggressive warfare.

Doenitz's grimaces and head nodding in an effort to coach his witness, Goering's cunning defense failed to shake the mountains of evidence against him.—Associated Press.

FRANCE AWAITING REPLY

Paris, March 9. France is awaiting a reply from the United States to her proposal that the United Nations Security Council consider her point of view that General Franco's Spanish Government is a threat to peace.

The Foreign Office currently is carrying on talks with England which sent a negative response to the French proposal. The British reply was not a flat rejection but asked for considerable clarifications.

Foreign Minister Georges Bidault was reported to have told a Cabinet session earlier this week that the British reply indicated England was not anxious to go further than the recent tri-partite declaration against the Franco Government.—Associated Press.

CANTON ORDER

Canton, March 9. All American companies and corporations now doing business in Canton and the province of Kwangtung have to apply at the Office of the Acting Commissioner of Reconstruction, Mr. Lo Choying (the Governor), for the purpose of reentering themselves as foreign firms operating in China.

Registration must be carried out according to Chinese law, by March 31, 1946.

The American Consulate-General here has formally notified the nationals accordingly.—Associated Press.

Washington, March 9. President Truman said at yesterday's press conference that Gen. George C. Marshall would return to the United States soon for consultations but that he would remain in England in keeping with the "Lend-Lease" agreement.—Associated Press.

Protests Against Malaya Bill

London, March 9. The House of Lords-sponsored bill to link the Malay States and the Straits Settlements into a union administered by a British Governor-General, with common citizenship provided, was given its decisive second reading in the House of Commons yesterday.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. Creech Jones, said that with the passage of the bill the Government would be free to promulgate an order in council to divide the Straits Settlements of Malacca and Penang, including Wellesley province, to be governed either singly or in conjunction with whatever other territories the order might specify.

Singapore, however, would become a separate province, he said. The bill drew sharp protests from both Conservatives and Labourites and especially from Labourite L. D. Gammans who shouted that "Malaya might be converted into a Far Eastern Palestine." He added that the Sultan of Johore had written that he signed the agreement when it was proposed last year without having been able to consult his State Council, and that he had not realized its implications.

The implications for Johore, it was understood, are that the Sultan would through the grant of common citizenship lose much of his power by transference of allegiance from citizenship in the State to citizenship in the Union.—Associated Press.

General Hodge On Korean Problems

SEOUL, MAR. 9. THE HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN-SOVIET COMMISSION MEETING NEXT WEEK "WILL BE ABLE TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS OF THE 38 PARALLEL SO FAR AS KOREANS ARE CONCERNED" IS VOICED TO-DAY BY LIEUT. GENERAL JOHN R. HODGE.

The commander of Korea's statement made available to the press said in full: "Judging from the recent trends in the Korean press there seems to be a growing belief among the Korean people that the 38th Parallel boundary between the American and the Soviet occupation zones has been established by a secret agreement at Yalta or some other meeting of the hands of the great powers."

"This boundary line has no such history," Mr. Hodge said in his broadcast of December 13, 1945, that "for the purposes of military operation, the occupation was divided north and south of latitude 38 degrees into the Soviet and American areas."

This was done in order to expedite the Japanese surrender, the removal of Japanese from Korea and the repatriation of Koreans.

"NOT URGENT" Lt. General Hodge disclosed that the American representatives have questioned the Russians at the recent joint conference here about the removal of capital goods from Korea by the Soviets. There have been continued rumors of the Russians stripping Japanese property from Russian-controlled northern Korea.

He said the Russian delegates held that the question of transplanting capital goods—not otherwise identified—was "not urgent." He quoted the Russians as saying that "so far as they know no removals were taking place and that in any event it was a matter for regulation by each commander in his own zone."—Associated Press.

Aga Khan Feted

Bombay, March 9. Thousands of shouting Muslim men gathered from all over the world gave a thunderous demonstration to their spiritual leader the Aga Khan here yesterday. Led by a red and gold robed drummer on a camel they passed in review before the pious man whom they revere as the direct descendant of Fatima, daughter of Mohammed.

The parade of colorfully robed, turban and fez wearing followers, was part of the ceremonies which will end on Sunday when the Aga Khan receives his "Wakht" in diamonds.

Many contingent to the parade of the camel will be used for police duty in the streets of Bombay people in Asia and Africa.—Associated Press.

STEWART TO GET BACK HIS JOB

London, March 9. Employment of applicant's wife after he had joined the forces and the circumstances in which her employment began and ended did not deprive the applicant of his right to reinstatement, states the decision of the umpire in an appeal by a Darlingdon Club and Institute against a reinstatement committee order to re-employ a former steward.

In refusing the man's original application, the Club had written that his wife had been engaged in his place as stewardess and in October 1939, on his advice, had given notice and withdrawn the £25 bond thus terminating his employment.

The umpire ordered the Club to reinstate the steward at £5 weekly on or before April 1, and that they pay him £52.10s. plus the sum estimated at 7 shillings weekly from Feb. 22 to the date of his re-employment, applicant having been employed at £4.15s. weekly from that date.—Reuter.

STRIKE DEFERRED

Washington, March 9. President Truman yesterday named a three-man fact finding board to investigate the impending national railway strike, thus automatically deferring a possible walk-out for a prescribed 30 to 60 days.

The strike, scheduled to have begun on Monday, would have tied up all the nation's major railways and have paralyzed the country's industry and its agricultural distribution system.—Associated Press.

London, March 9. The British Overseas Airways European Division is extending its network at the beginning of next week with flights to Copenhagen, Oslo, Marseilles, Rome and Athens. It was begun to-day.—Associated Press.

Observers In North

Baltimore, March 9. Correspondent Philip Potter of the Baltimore "Sun" group of papers reported from Mukden that the first official United States observer to go north of Chinchow in Manchuria since Oct. 5 is en route to Mukden.

Potter said the observer, Major Robert B. Rice, assistant military attaché in China, soon will be followed by consular officials who have been waiting "for months for permission from Peking."

North Manchuria were office of strategic services (O.S.S.) representatives who left in October at Russian request. Potter's dispatch said Major Rice obtained permission in direct negotiations with the Russians "after fruitlessly negotiating through the Chinese."—Associated Press.

MICKEY REJOINS HIS WIFE

New Jersey, March 8. Movie-star Mickey Rooney received his discharge from the Army to-day and left immediately for Hollywood to rejoin his wife, Betty Jane and eight months old son, Mickey Junior.

Rooney was in service for 20 months, travelled over 115,000 miles and entertained 2,000,000 GIs. For his services he received the Bronze Star.

He plans also to make another Andy Hardy picture.—Associated Press.

SOMETHING BIG

Washington, March 9. Representative J. Parnell Thomas declared to-day that foreign espionage efforts to secure atom bomb secrets "have failed both in Canada and in the United States."

Parnell Thomas, who is the leading Republican in the House on American Activities Committee, said in a statement that the Committee was "on the trail of something big."

He requested that the House of Representatives "be authorized to conduct a full and complete investigation of the espionage efforts to secure atom bomb secrets."

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R.M. COMMANDOS
BEAT R.A.F.

AFTER A PROMISING START AND HAVING MORE OF THE PLAY IN THE EARLY STAGES, ROYAL AIR FORCE COLLAPSED BADLY IN THE LATTER PART OF THE GAME AND WERE BEATEN BY 44 R.M. COMMANDOS YESTERDAY BY FIVE GOALS TO ONE AFTER SHARING TWO GOALS AT THE INTERVAL.

IN THE OTHER GAME ROYAL NAVY "B" BEAT NAVY "A" BY THREE GOALS TO ONE AND HERE AGAIN IT WAS ONLY LATE IN THE GAME THAT THE WINNERS DID THE SCORING. BOTH GAMES WERE WATCHED BY A FAIR NUMBER OF SPECTATORS.

Though 44 R.M. Commandos entered the semi-final of the Shield competition by five goals to one, they really did not deserve to win such a large margin and it was only in the latter stages of the game that they were better than the Airmen.

The game started at a fast rate and both goals were scored. Stokes made a welcome return to the Air Force team and was seen in the centre-forward position with Brown supporting him. Swindford, who has gone home, was missed.

Commandos fielded practically the same team which played in the previous League games. Jack was seen in the forward line and Mason played in the defence. Commandos forwards showed good understanding and generally were the more dangerous when on the move. Both winners, Williams on the right, and Earsman, on the left, were prominent.

MOORSTALL OFF FORM
Williams did well against McCrystal, who was badly off form, and he sent over good passes, two of which resulted in goals. Earsman, on the left-wing, was given much rope and he made the best use of the ball. He crowned a good afternoon's work with two good goals.

Jack worked hard and his goal early in the first half was an excellent effort which had Proctor well beaten. He kept Williams well supplied with good ground passes. Burgess in the leader's position was thorough and kept Smith the opposing pivot well occupied.

Wilkes in Commando goal played one of the best games this season. He was peppered with shots from all direction in the opening stages of the second half and brought off some excellent saves. He was sure in his handling of high shots and showed good positioning and anticipation on a number of occasions.

Headon and Waite were safe backs and though hard pressed early in the game improved greatly later and both were outstanding with their first time clearances. Johnson was a great defender and a stumbling block to the Air Force attack.

R.A.F. DISAPPOINT
The brand of soccer served by the Airmen was, up to a stage, of a high standard, in fact one of the best seen for a long time, but the team was rather disappointing after the Commandos had obtained the lead, admittedly rather luckily.

Proctor, in goal, was not on form and let in two easy goals; added to this McCrystal did not play his usual game and allowed Williams too much freedom so that this winger had time to send over good passes.

The Air Force attack was up against a good defence but the forwards concentrated too much on high shots, and better results might have been achieved had Wilkes been tested with more grounders. Boyd, at outside-right, was prominent with some good runs down the wing.

Stokes led the line well and was well supported by Brown. Air Force opened the scoring early in the game through Stokes but the Commandos were not long in answering and equalised through Jack.

Late in the closing stages Commando dominated the play and goals were scored by Earsman (2) and Burgess (2).
Navy "A": Chambers; Swash and Williams; Jones, O'Dare and Cornish; Barrett, Erwin, Ovenda, Franklin and Lodge.

Navy "B": Broughton; Hogg and Sidell; Carr, Benson and Archer; Crawford, O'Brien, Wills, Feenan and Griffiths.
Royal Air Force: Proctor; Lennox and McCrystal; Pennington, Smith and Bailey; Boyd, Brown, Stokes, Hanlan and Brooks.

44 R.M. Commandos—Wilkes; Headon and Waite; Mason, Johnson and MacNamara; Williams, Jack, Burgess, Smith and Earsman.

NAVY "B" SUCCEEDED
The football Shield encounter at Causeway Bay yesterday between the two Royal Navy teams resulted in a win for the "B" team by three goals to one.

"B" were worth their win though Navy "A" put up a grand showing in spite of the fact that they had several newcomers in their side.

Outstanding player in "A" side was Chambers, in goal, who brought off a number of good saves and for a long time prevented "B" from scoring. In front of him Swash was sound. In the attack Lodge and Franklin were outstanding.

For the "B" team Willis in the leader's position played well and both the wingers, Crawford and Griffiths, were dangerous in the forward line.

"Navy "B" opened the scoring through Benson from a penalty but before the interval Franklin equalised.

In the second half Feenan and Griffiths scored for Navy "B".

N.Z. CRICKET

Christchurch, Mar. 9.
The Australian cricket team touring New Zealand piled up another big total today in the opening of the second game of the tour.

Against the New Zealand champion district Canterbury, they scored 416 for eight wickets before the close.

The Australian captain and opening bat, R. S. Brown, was again in brilliant form, making 137.

Lindsay Hassett contributed 43. Brown and Mouchman were both missed in the early stages and put on 216 for the first wicket.

Reuter.

DORAN DEFEATS PATERSON
Dublin, Mar. 9.
The world flyweight champion, Jackie Paterson, was defeated on points over ten rounds by Bunty Doran at Dublin tonight.

Doran boxed with great skill and judgment. Paterson did not fight with his customary dash, and it was not really until the 7th round that he really fought.

Reuter.

The speaker at Tuesday's Rotary Club Meeting, First Floor, Gloucester Hotel, will be Lieut. Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, and the subject "The Lighter Side of Inter-Port Cricket."

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TO-DAY'S SOCCER

No. 1 Cdp. v. 781 Coy. R.A.S.C.
(Navy ground, at 2.30 p.m.)
Referee:—Mr. A. McCordale.
Linesmen:—L.S. D. Sparrow and Spr. Cherrio.
No. 5 Cdp. v. Eastern
(Navy ground, at 4 p.m.)
Referee:—C.P.O. J. Rogers.
Linesmen:—Sgt. Pollitt and P.O. G. Taylor.

THE TEAMS
R.A.S.C. (from the following):
Merrin, McMahony, Davis, Witham, Hern, Greatorex, Wiggins, Flaherty, Orr, Bunning, Brown, Cave and Buller.
No. 1 Commandos:—Dougherty, G. W. and Jones, Ingles, Rudrick, Tanner, Nevans, Stead, Wilson, Savage and Perry.

Freddie Mills
Back In London

London, Mar. 9.
The British cruiserweight champion, Freddie Mills, bronzed and fit, is back in London after 12 months with the Royal Air Force in India. He is eager to get into training again.

"I want as many fights as possible before I meet the British heavy-weight champion, Bruce Woodcock and I am prepared to go to America for them."

"If Billy Conn wants me, I will help him train for his world title fight against Joe Louis," he said. He was all smiles when he discussed life in India. "Once Al Robinson of Leeds was a dead rival of mine. But we have toured India together giving more than 50 exhibitions for the troops. We are now such firm friends that he and I will never fight seriously again."—Reuter.

EVICTION
CASE APPEAL

Two co-occupants of a house were the parties in an appeal against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal at the Court of Appeal yesterday, with Mr. Leo d'Almeida presiding.

The action was brought by Chan Tong against Miss Chiu Fat and was against decision of the Tenancy Tribunal in refusing an eviction order in respect of the premises at No. 354 Reclamation Street, ground floor.

Mr. M. A. da Silva represented the appellant while Mr. F. C. Woo was for the respondent.

Before the commencement of the appeal proper Mr. Silva asked leave to extend the time for filing the notice of appeal. The motion was opposed by Mr. Woo who pointed out that the notice of appeal was not filed within seven days as stipulated.

Following submissions by Mr. Silva the motion was allowed by the Court.

Dealing with the appeal proper Mr. Silva said that the parties were agreed on several common grounds. The premises were rented to appellant and respondent in July, 1943. Rental, as far as opponent was concerned, was paid only for October and November, 1945, from the time that premises were rented.

On another common ground, said Mr. Silva, was that opponent was not in occupation and there was no denial that she had let her part of the premises to another person.

Mr. Woo made an application to call a witness. This was granted and hearing was adjourned to next Saturday afternoon.

Combined Staffs To
Continue Work

WASHINGTON, MAR. 9.
PRESIDENT TRUMAN DECLARED TO-DAY THAT THE COMBINED ANGLO-AMERICAN CHIEFS-OF-STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION UNTIL THE WAR EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED AT AN END.

WHETHER IT WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION AFTERWARDS, HE SAID, IS A MATTER THAT WILL BE HANDLED WHEN THE WAR EMERGENCY IS OVER.

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IRAN SITUATION

His comment was prompted by questions as to what might happen if Russia declines to comply with the United States request for immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from Iran.

"That situation, Mr. Truman said, will be handled when it comes up."

A newsman then suggested that Russian refusal might mean the collapse of the United Nations organization. The President disagreed strongly and asserted that the United Nations Organization would not be allowed to collapse. Associated Press.

SHOWING TO-DAY **KING'S** At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.



SHOWING TO-DAY **QUEEN'S** At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15, & 9.15 p.m.
TO-DAY—EXTRA PERFORMANCE AT 12.30 P.M.



N.A.A.F.I./E.F.I.
COMBINED SERVICES OFFICERS' CLUBS.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
CIVILIAN MEMBERSHIP
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LIDO REPULSE BAY.

All Civilian Members are informed, Present Membership is cancelled with effect from 31st March, 1946.

Applications for New Membership must be submitted in writing to the Secretary c/o any above Officers' Clubs.

Applications must be supported by one full Service Member as proposer and one full Service Member as Seconder.

New Membership takes effect 1st April after which day admittance to Clubs will be by Membership Card only.

CATHAY
To-Day Only at 2.30, 5.15, 7.15, 9.15.
Mickey ROONEY & Judy GARLAND
in
"BABES ON BROADWAY"
The finest musical show of the season by M.G.M.

MURDER ENQUIRY
Chungking, Mar. 9.
A Central News Agency dispatch from Changchun yesterday said Soviet military authorities are investigating the slaying of eight Chinese Central Government officials near Fengtien last Jan. 18. It said "bandits" were responsible for the murders.

The report said Changsha, fu, economic commissioner for Manchuria, and seven assistants were kidnapped from a train at Lishih station, near Fengtien, and killed about a mile distant. Search for the killers was continuing after the arrest of two suspects.—Associated Press.

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4 SHOWS: 2.30-5.15-7.15-9.15
Showing To-Day & To-Morrow
PAT O'BRIEN
RANDOLPH SCOTT
ANNIE SHIRLEY
in the most powerful story of the sky
"BOMBARDIER"
SEE TOKYO BOMBED BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES!

Next Attraction
"MADAME BUTTERFLY"

Soviet Troop Movements

CHUNGKING, MAR. 9. CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY REPORTED FROM MUKDEN TO-DAY THAT TRAIN MOVEMENTS OF RUSSIAN TROOPS MIGHT BE AN INDICATION THEY ARE WITHDRAWING FROM MANCHURIA.

The dispatch said Soviet troops were moving northward out of Mukden, with 22 north-bound trains having departed in 48 hours.

The Central News Agency report, however, added there was no sign of troop movements from Changchun, the Manchurian capital.

It said the Chinese Changchun railway was bustling with troop movements from Mukden to Tieling, about 40 miles north.

Actually, in view of reports from American war correspondents who in the past week have been in Mukden, Dairen and Changchun, the railroad movement of the Russian troops might not have any significance.

An Associated Press correspondent reported a few days ago that extensive Soviet military installations and equipment were seen in a trip from Mukden to Dairen, and one report said the Russians were preparing for military maneuvers. Any such maneuvers usually entail the extensive movement of troops.—Associated Press.

GRIM FIGURES

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safety first. Both Z.B.W. and Z.E.K. will broadcast at intervals every day appeals and warnings to pedestrians and drivers.

The Press Relations Office's mobile Public Address System will be used every day both on the island and the mainland. Twenty-three points on the island will be visited and talks given to the crowds through loudspeakers. Ten districts in Kowloon will hear about Safety First principles through the P.A. system.

This is "Safety First" week—a week when all sections of the community—residents and Services—are expected to remember that the safety of others means the safety of themselves.

10 COMMANDMENTS OF THE ROAD

You don't need to die or cause somebody else if you follow the 10 commandments of the road. Here is the first and greatest—the others will appear during the week.

DRIVERS

1. Concentrate Always on What You Are Doing.

In this, the first and most important commandment for driving, is summed up the remaining nine. As it is the very essence of skill and safety, it may be stretched to include any number of rules and regulations for safe conduct on the road.

Without it, there can be no ultimate skill, no courtesy to other travellers, no true security for men or machine.

Each corner is a problem. Every gear-change is a test. Cross-roads and children are potential dangers. Greasy surfaces are examinations in driving skill. None of these problems, tests or dangers can be solved, passed or avoided without concentration. It is the alpha and omega of good driving.

PEDESTRIANS

1.—Look Before You Leap.

Never, under any circumstances, cross the road without first looking to the right, then to the left; and keep a careful look-out until you are safely across.

Don't imagine you are going to get across the road any quicker by not troubling to see first what traffic is coming towards you. The chances are, if you don't look first, you never will get across that road.

Remember that if you are crossing a road other than in a pedestrians' safety zone, traffic has priority. Commonsense, for your own protection, demands that you look to the right and then to the left before you start crossing; you have also to consider the safety of the motorist who may be forced to swerve to avoid hitting you if you suddenly dart out into the road without warning.

TO-MORROW'S COMMANDMENTS

For Drivers:—Show Courtesy to other Travellers.

For Pedestrians:—Don't Jaywalk.

CHUNGKING RUMOUR

State Council May Resign

Dr. Soong To Go To Canada?

HITLER HAD NO CHILDREN

Heyford, March 9. Adolf Hitler's Luftwaffe Adjutant, Colonel Nikolaus Von Below, told British questioners the "was certain" that Hitler and Eva Braun had no children. Von Below told him it would be "impossible and wrong" for him to have descendants because of "personal and public reasons." Von Below said he saw Eva frequently between 1937 and 1945 and would have known if she had been pregnant.—Associated Press.

Americans Not Welcome Here

(By Spencer Davis).

CHANGCHUN, MAR. 9. AMID AN EXTRAVAGANT DISPLAY OF RUSSIAN FLAGS AND BANNERS ALONG CHANGCHUN'S MAIN BOULEVARD, A LONE AMERICAN FLAG IS FLYING UPSIDE DOWN.

IT TYPEFIES SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AT THE MOMENT IN THIS RED ARMY-DOMINATED CAPITAL OF MANCHURIA.

The only Americans in town have been eight correspondents and a British colleague who were interned for 53 hours for arriving without official sanction.

In Changchun, where China is represented only by a military mission and civilian officials, Marshal Iodion Malinovsky, chief of the Soviet forces in Manchuria, is beating the drums of Sino-Soviet friendship and warning other nations to keep their hands off.

Reliable sources quoted Malinovsky as saying at a banquet last week that Russia would stand for no interference in her relations with China and "we don't want those with gold in their pockets to come in and hand over our friendship."

He was also quoted as saying at the same banquet that if a hand of interference is thrust between Russia and China, "the Red Army will cut it off."

IN GUARDHOUSE

Two days later, while our group of correspondents was still in confinement, Malinovsky issued a statement to the Chinese press that the Russian army would withdraw from Manchuria before, and certainly not later than, the American army is withdrawn from China.

This statement aroused deep skepticism among foreign and Chinese observers.

We did not have time to interview Malinovsky during our nine days in Changchun. We felt as though we were in a guardhouse and were threatened with expulsion to South China once when we had approached Malinovsky's headquarters in an effort to obtain confirmation of the statements attributed to him.—Associated Press.

How Moscow Reported It

Moscow, Mar. 9. The Russian people received their first accounts of Winston Churchill's Fulton speech when newspapers published a Tass dispatch from New York.

Tass said Mr. Churchill, "delivered a speech in extremely aggressive tone. In particular, Churchill demands creation of an Anglo-American military alliance opposed to the Soviet Union."

The dispatch said the speech met no approval in Congress circles and added that reception was lukewarm in Britain. The article appeared on page three of the Soviet Government newspaper "Izvestia."—Associated Press.

Hastings Murder Trial

Hastings, Mar. 9. Sidney John Smith, 24, of Lunsford Cross near Bexhill, was at Hastings to-day charged with murdering John Whatman (Old John) 71-year-old horse-slaughterer and dealer of "The Choice," Blackpatch Lane, Hellingdon near Hastings on March 2 and was remanded until next Thursday.—Reuter.

FIRE IN H.M.S. "VICTORIOUS"

Devonport, Mar. 9. The crew of the 27,000-ton British aircraft carrier "Victorious" tackled a fire which broke out in the ship's boiler room in Devonport dockyard last night.

The fire, which caused some damage was under control in less than an hour. The cause of the outbreak is considered to be purely mechanical.—Reuter.

Survivor Of Collision In Mid-Air

The survivor of a mid-air collision over Sumatra, Flight Sergeant Eric Dane, a Spitfire pilot, has returned to his squadron at Madan, after a 15-mile barefoot trek over rocks and through jungle.

Bailing out after the collision, the 22-year-old pilot lay in the jungle during the day to escape discovery by terrorists. He travelled only by night, discarding his one remaining shoe because it left telltale prints in the mud. He swam whenever he could, scrambled over rocks and penetrated the jungle reaching the river's edge when he came to dangerous rapids.

Travelling through the night, he was once caught in a whirlpool and was violently spun round by the water. He had the presence of mind to inflate his Mae West, struck out wildly and caught at outlying rocks.

Flight Sergeant Dane was without food for 48 hours and lived by chewing jungle leaves and drinking river water. He was bitten savagely by mosquitoes and leeches during his ordeal.

Once he saw search aircraft from his own squadron flying overhead, but although he waved his Mae West, he was not seen.

A.P. PROTESTS

Budapest, March 9. A protest against Russian censorship of outgoing news dispatches has been filed with the Allied Control Commission by Jack Quinn, the Associated Press correspondent.

The protest asserted that the Russian censor in Budapest has been withholding for the last fifteen days a dispatch quoting American sources as saying that American properties in Hungary had suffered \$25,000,000 damage from the Russian operations.

It also said that the Russian censor had deleted parts of at least two other dispatches. (This dispatch, filed by Quinn in Budapest, was presumably passed through the Russian censorship.)—Associated Press.

Capetown, Mar. 9. The net value of the estate of Sir Abe Bailey, financier and sportsman, who died in August 1940, was \$5,000,000. It was disclosed here to-day.—Reuter.

CHUNGKING, MAR. 9.

RUMOURS WERE CURRENT IN CHUNGKING TO-DAY THAT MEMBERS OF THE STATE COUNCIL INTEND TO RESIGN EN BLOC BEFORE THAT BODY IS REORGANISED.

REORGANISATION OF THE STATE COUNCIL WAS AMONG THE DECISIONS OF THE RECENT INTER-PARTY POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE. WHEN EFFECTED, THE STATE COUNCIL WILL BE THE SUPREME ORGAN OF THE STATE. IT WILL BE COMPOSED OF 40 MEMBERS HALF OF WHOM WILL BE MEMBERS OF THE KUOMINTANG AND THE REMAINDER REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER PARTIES AND NON-POLITICAL GROUPS.

The reorganised council, which, according to present calculations, will come into being around the turn of this month will function until the general elections are held under the new constitution to be adopted by the National Assembly opening in Nanking on May 6.

According to general principles laid down by the Political Consultative Conference the Legislative Yuan will become an elected body and will have in most respects the functions of the United States House of Representatives. As such it would virtually take over from the reorganised State Council.

DISSATISFIED BLOC

The dissatisfied bloc of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang continued its attacks on the decisions of the recent Political Consultative Conference mainly on the ground that too many sacrifices were made to the Communists and other parties.

Nevertheless, acceptance of agreements as urged by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and several other leaders of the Kuomintang is regarded as certain.

The present session which began on March 1 has been characterised by outspoken criticism of government as a whole and of certain individual members notably Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh.

Several members condemned the manner in which the Government set about the task of taking over Manchuria and dissatisfaction was expressed with the work of General Hsiung Hih-hui, director of the Generalissimo's Headquarters in Manchuria.

Several members proposed that the Minister of War General Chen Cheng should be appointed to succeed General Hsiung.—Associated Press.

DR. WANG TO RESIGN

Chungking, Mar. 9. The "People's Daily" reported to-day that Foreign Minister Wang Shih-chieh, who has been the target of attacks of fellow party members during the current Kuomintang Congress, intends to resign before the adjournment of the conference.

The session is expected to last another week.

Minister Wang has been charged within the party with being weak-kneed in the nation's policy toward Russia and with a too conciliatory attitude toward other Chinese political parties.

At the same time the Catholic newspaper "Social Welfare" reported that Dr. T. V. Soong, whose elimination from the premiership when the Government is reorganised has been predicted, would visit Canada and the United States after the Congress adjourns.—Associated Press.

Poles Close The Exits

London, March 9. The Exchange Telegraph reported in a Vienna dispatch that the Polish Authorities with Russian consent had ordered a strict closing of the western and southern Polish frontiers against refugees, particularly that section fronting Czechoslovakia.

Quoting Polish refugees, the dispatch said that special frontier guards had been established and had halted the movement of refugees from Poland to western Europe.

During the past few days only a few Poles have arrived in Vienna, which had become a kind of assembly point. The Exchange Telegraph said they were understood to have been rescued through the mountains.

Refugees caught by the Polish frontier guards, the Exchange Telegraph said, are returned to Poland and sent to the forced labour battalions. It was understood that the Polish Government was holding a summary military court. Class 1, sitting alone.

CHURCHILL'S ESCAPE

Richmond, Va., March 9. Former Premier Churchill and a leader of the Virginia Senate, narrowly escaped injury when two frightened white horses harnessed to an ancient coach carrying them bucked, plunged and almost ran away.

The accident caused the cancellation of the scheduled horse-drawn tour in this aged Colonial Capital of old Virginia.

Photographers' flashbulbs were blamed for startling the horses. The trip continued by automobile.—Associated Press.

Reuter says that Gen. Eisenhower was with Mr. Churchill at the time.

CHURCHILL PLAN AND U.N.O.

Chicago, March 9. An immediate military alliance between Great Britain and the United States proposed by Churchill might destroy the U.N.O. as it at present stands, President John Knight of the American Society of newspaper editors, told a Rotary International gathering.

The publisher asserted that the U.N.O. should be given every opportunity to solve its present difficulties before any move is made which might wreck it beyond hope of recovery.

Knight said he had had several conversations with Mr. Churchill and the former British War Secretary Mr. Hore Belisha.

Knight declared that an American-British military alliance was unnecessary and "England knows and history proves we would never stand idly by while they are victim of an aggressor."—Associated Press.

CONFIDENCE IN LABOUR. Polling everywhere was low. Generally, the results have confirmed the country's confidence

PLEA FOR NATIONAL HOME FOR JEWS

JERUSALEM, MARCH 9. DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, PRESIDENT OF THE ZIONIST WORLD ORGANISATION AND HEAD OF THE JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, DECLARED ON FRIDAY THAT IF A JEWISH NATIONAL STATE IS CREATED IN PALESTINE THE JEWISH PEOPLE "WOULD CEASE TO BE A GHOST."

WEIZMANN WAS THE FIRST WITNESS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY WHICH IS STUDYING JEWISH DEMANDS FOR FREE IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE.

War Crimes Committee In China

The special war crimes committee is scheduled to leave for China this week-end to gather evidence for the International Court to try Japan's major war criminals, the "Stars and Stripes" announced in an interview with Chief Prosecutor Joseph Keenan.

Keenan was quoted as saying that the committee will consult with Chinese officials in reference to the murder of hundreds of thousands of Chinese in Japan's unwarranted acts of aggression.

Investigations are to include aspects of Japan's war in Manchuria and the 1937 attacks on the American gunboat "Panay" and the British gunboat "Ladybird."

The committee, Keenan said, will visit Shanghai and also assist in arranging for the return to Japan for trial of General Itagaki, in British custody at Singapore charged with responsibility for the rape of Nanking.—Associated Press.

CARDINAL DIES

DUBLIN, MAR. 9. JOHN, CARDINAL GLENNON, 83, ARCHBISHOP OF ST. LOUIS AND OLDEST OF THE 32 CARDINALS ELEVATED ON FEBRUARY 21 AT THE VATICAN CITY DIED AT 8.41 G.M.T. TO-DAY IN THE HOME OF SEAN O'KELLY, PRESIDENT OF EIRE.

The Irish-born prelate succumbed to complications following a lung congestion. His death has reduced the membership of the Sacred College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church to 63.

Glennon became ill at Dublin while en route home from the Papal conclave. He regained consciousness shortly before he died and recognised his friends.—Associated Press.

An announcement in yesterday's "Gazette" announced Mr. George Yik Ki She and Mr. Horace Lo to hold a Summary Military Court Class 1, sitting alone.

Labour Consolidating Its Position

LONDON, MAR. 9. THE LABOUR PARTY HAS CONSOLIDATED THE STRENGTH IT GAINED IN THE COUNTRY IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS LAST JULY AND IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER BY FURTHER GAINS IN THIS WEEK'S COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN LONDON AND THROUGHOUT ENGLAND.

Up to date, Labour has gained over 300 seats, with results from several counties still to come. The gains are spread all over the country. In rural Norfolk Labour gained 16 seats. In Kent and on the doorstep of London it has increased its representatives by 21.

In the Welsh county of Cardigan the Party has won five more seats. West Riding of Yorkshire and the midland county of Nottingham returned Labour majorities for the first time. So, too, did Derbyshire and Middlesex.

The results of the London County Council elections have put Labour in control of the largest municipality in the world for another three years with an increased majority.

The London County Council administer an area of 117 square miles, with a population of roughly 4,500,000 and an annual budget of around £50,000,000. Labour held 80 out of the 124 seats. The results in two London boroughs are still to be declared.

At the dissolution there were 76 Labour councillors. Of the results still to be announced this evening nine seats were held previously by Labour and one by Conservative. There have been no Conservative gains.—Reuter.

Signal To "Yoizuki". General MacArthur's statement that his headquarters was not responsible for the condition aboard the "Yoizuki"—Japanese destroyer which left Sydney alleged to be dangerously overcrowded with Japanese repatriates and Formosan women and children—has been regarded in Canberra as a complete vindication of the stand taken by the press against the Australian Government on this issue, according to the Canberra correspondent of the "Sydney Sun."

The Prime Minister, Mr. Chifley, and the Minister of Exterior Affairs, Dr. Ewart, are conferring on General MacArthur's statement and, according to the "Sydney Sun," an urgent signal will be sent to the captain of the "Yoizuki," ordering him to put into the nearest port to disembark the women and children.

Mr. A. J. Harrison, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, and some Labour Unions which supported the press against the Government's decision, are now demanding that a Royal Commission be appointed to investigate the affair. The Amalgamated Wireless Corporation at Melbourne has been trying to contact the "Yoizuki" but so far it has not succeeded.—Reuter.

PEACE HOPES. Weizmann said that his first objective had been for a Jewish National Home.

"But when we brought 5,000 Jews into Palestine the Arabs opposed us," he added; "When we only talked of a National Home they opposed us and they oppose us now."

The Jewish leader reiterated that he was still hopeful of peace between the Jews and the Arabs.

Sir John Singleton read from a Jewish agency memorandum submitted to the committee which said that plans were worked out for absorption of the first million Jews and once the Jewish majority was established in Palestine then "a Jewish State will have been established."

He said he believed that the Arabs later will be convinced that what they lose in political independence "will be compensated by other gains."—Associated Press.

STUDIO—ART ORFÈVRE AND HIS ENSEMBLE HONG KONG ORCHESTRA.

ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 5.30 to 7.30 p.m., and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.62 Megacycles.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—"Futche" and His Charm Music.

12.45 p.m.—"Serenade to the Stars"—E.B.S.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Light Organ Selections.

1.30 p.m.—London Palladium Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.30 p.m.—Studio—Church Service by Rev. Frank Short.

3.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

3.30 p.m.—Jazz Piano Selections.

4.00 p.m.—Half an Hour of Dance Music.

4.30 p.m.—A Variety Programme.

5.00 p.m.—Studio—Art Camerato and ENBA Hong Kong Orchestra.

5.30 p.m.—London Relay—News.

6.00 p.m.—ZBW "From"—No. 9.

6.30 p.m.—Don Juan; Ireland; Bona's for Cole and Piano; Debussy—Arabesques for Piano; Bavel—Introduction and Woodwind; for Faye Singers and Woodwind; Stravinsky—The Fire Bird; Frank—Suite for Two Clarinets.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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